

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1.(currently amended): An information distribution device which is connected with a plurality of terminal devices which belong to a group, and from which identical information is distributed to said terminal devices, comprising:

a first storage portion for storing terminal information including an address of each terminal device belonging to said ~~[[a]]~~ group ~~constituted by a plurality of terminal devices~~;

a first receiving portion for receiving, from a terminal device belonging to said group, a distribution request including access information and distribution destination information, said access information being required for accessing distribution information for distribution to one or more ~~all, some or one~~ of said terminal devices belonging to said group, said distribution destination information specifying a distribution destination terminal device belonging to said group;

a second receiving portion for accessing said distribution information stored in a content server which exists outside of said information distribution device, based on said access information included in a distribution request received by said first receiving portion, and for receiving the distribution information;

a second storage portion for storing said distribution information received by said second receiving portion; and

a first transmitting portion for ~~specifying an address of a distribution destination terminal device based on~~ judging whether a terminal device specified by said distribution destination information included in a distribution request received by said first receiving portion, is an address of a terminal device included in said terminal information stored in said first

storage portion, and for distributing ~~to said specified destination terminal device~~ said distribution information stored in said second storage portion to said terminal device which is judged included.

2.(original): The information distribution device according to claim 1, further comprising a third receiving portion for receiving a bill of charges from a device, said device billing for said distribution information charges when said distribution information is chargeable.

3.(original): The information distribution device according to claim 2, further comprising a second transmitting portion for transmitting said bill of charges received by said third receiving portion either to a terminal device which transmitted said distribution request or to a telecommunications carrier to which this terminal device subscribes.

4.(original): The information distribution device according to claim 1, further comprising a deleting portion for deleting said distribution information stored in said second storage portion after the distribution of said distribution information by said first transmitting portion.

5.(original): The information distribution device according to claim 1, further comprising a third transmitting portion for transmitting notification, to the terminal device which transmitted said distribution request, of the fact that distribution has been completed, after the distribution of said distribution information by said first transmitting portion.

6.(original): The information distribution device according to claim 1, wherein said distribution request further includes additional information added to said distribution information, and said first transmitting portion distributes said additional information in addition to said distribution information.

7.(original): The information distribution device according to claim 1, wherein said distribution request further includes a distribution time for specifying a time for distributing said distribution information, and said first transmitting portion distributes said distribution information at said distribution time.

8.(original): The information distribution device according to claim 1,
wherein said terminal device information stored in said first storage portion includes information for representing an information format displayable on a display portion of the terminal device, and

wherein said information distribution device further comprises a conversion/filtering portion for converting or filtering said distribution information to a format capable of being displayed on a display portion of said terminal device, based on said information for representing said displayable information format.

9.(original): The information distribution device according to claim 1, wherein said first receiving portion receives said distribution request from said terminal device via another server device.

10.(original): The information distribution device according to claim 1, wherein said distribution information is either a program including a game program, said program and a license for said program, map information, or product information.

11.(currently amended): A terminal device belonging to a group constituted by a plurality of terminal devices, comprising:

a registration portion for registering, via a telecommunications network, terminal information including an address of each terminal device belonging to said ~~[[a]]~~ group ~~constituted by a plurality of terminal devices~~, in an information distribution device connected to the telecommunications network; and

a transmitting portion for transmitting, to said information distribution device, a distribution request including access information and distribution destination information, said access information being required for accessing distribution information for distribution to one or more ~~all, some or one~~ of said terminal devices belonging to said group, said distribution destination information specifying a distribution destination terminal device belonging to said group.

12.(original): The terminal device according to claim 11, wherein said distribution request further includes additional information added to said distribution information.

13.(original): The terminal device according to claim 11, wherein said distribution request further includes a distribution time for specifying a time for distributing said distribution information.

14.(original): The terminal device according to claim 11; wherein said distribution information is either a program including a game program, said program and a license for said program, map information, or product information.

15.(currently amended): An information distribution system having a plurality of terminal devices belonging to a group and an information distribution device from which identical information is distributed to said terminal devices, wherein said terminal device comprises:

a registration portion for registering, in said information distribution device, terminal information including an address of each terminal device belonging to said [[a]] group constituted by a plurality of terminal devices; and

a transmitting portion for transmitting, to said information distribution device, a distribution request including access information and distribution destination information, said access information being required for accessing distribution information for distribution to one or more all, some or one of said terminal devices belonging to said group, said distribution destination information specifying a distribution destination terminal device belonging to said group,

and wherein said information distribution device comprises:

a first storage portion for storing terminal information registered by said registration portion of said terminal device,

a first receiving portion for receiving said distribution request transmitted by said transmitting portion;

a second receiving portion for accessing said distribution information stored in a content server which exists outside of said information distribution device, based on said access information included in a distribution request received by said first receiving portion, and for receiving said distribution information; and

a distributing portion for ~~specifying an address of a distribution destination terminal device based on judging whether a terminal device specified by said distribution destination information included in a distribution request received by said first receiving portion, is an address of a terminal device included in a distribution request received by said first receiving portion, and~~ said terminal information stored in said first storage portion, and for distributing, ~~to said specified destination terminal device~~ said distribution information stored in said second storage portion to said terminal device which is judged included.

16.(currently amended): An information distribution method, performed by a server device which is connected with a plurality of terminal devices belonging to a group, and which stores terminal information including an address of each terminal device belonging to said [[a]] group ~~constituted by a plurality of terminal devices~~, comprising the steps of:

receiving, from a terminal device belonging to said group, a distribution request including access information and distribution destination information, said access information being required for accessing distribution information for distribution to one or more all, some or ~~one~~ of said terminal devices belonging to said group, said distribution destination information specifying a distribution destination terminal device belonging to said group;

accessing said distribution information stored in a content server which exists outside of said server device, based on said access information included in said received distribution request, and receiving said distribution information; and

~~specifying an address of a distribution destination terminal device based on~~
judging whether a terminal device specified by said distribution destination information included in said received distribution request is an address of a terminal device included in [, and]] said stored terminal information, and distributing said received distribution information to said destination terminal device which is judged included.

17.(currently amended): An information distribution method, performed by a terminal device which is connected to a telecommunications network, and which belongs to a group constituted by a plurality of terminal devices, comprising the steps of:

registering, via said telecommunications network, terminal information including an address of each terminal' device belonging to said [[a]] group constituted by a plurality of terminal devices, in an information distribution device connected to this telecommunications network; and

transmitting, to said information distribution device, a distribution request including access information and distribution destination information, said access information being required for accessing distribution information for distribution to one or more all, some or one of said terminal devices belonging to said group, said distribution destination information specifying a distribution destination terminal device belonging to said group.

18.(currently amended): An information distribution method for an information distribution system having a plurality of terminal devices belonging to a group and an information distribution device from which identical information is distributed to said terminal devices, comprising steps of:

said terminal device registering, in said information distribution device, terminal information including an address of each terminal device belonging to said ~~[[a]]~~ group ~~constituted by a plurality of terminal devices~~;

said terminal device transmitting, to said information distribution device, a distribution request including access information and distribution destination information, said access information being required for accessing distribution information for distribution to one or more ~~all, some or one~~ of said terminal devices belonging to said group, said distribution destination information specifying a distribution destination terminal device belonging to said group,

said information distribution device storing said terminal information registered by said terminal device;

said information distribution device receiving said distribution request transmitted from said terminal device;

said information distribution device accessing said distribution information stored in a content server which exists outside of said information distribution device, based on said access information included in said received distribution request, and receiving said distribution information; and

said information distribution device ~~specifying an address of a distribution destination terminal device based on~~ judging whether a terminal device specified by

said distribution destination information included in said received distribution request is an address of a terminal device included in [[, and]] said terminal information, and distributing said received distribution information to said ~~specified destination~~ terminal device which is judged included.

19.(currently amended): An information distribution program product executed by a computer connected with a plurality of terminal devices belonging to a group, said computer storing terminal information including an address of terminal devices belonging to said group, comprising:

a receiving process for receiving, from a terminal device belonging to said ~~[[a]]~~ group ~~constituted by a plurality of terminal devices~~, a distribution request including access information and distribution destination information, said access information being required for accessing distribution information for distribution to one or more ~~all, some or one~~ of said terminal devices belonging to said group, said distribution destination information specifying a distribution destination terminal device belonging to said group;

an accessing process for accessing said distribution information stored in a content server which exists outside of said information distribution device, based on said access information included in said received distribution request, to receive the distribution information; and

~~a specifying process for specifying an address of a distribution destination terminal device based on~~ a judging process for judging whether a terminal device specified by said distribution destination information included in said received distribution request ~~[[, and]]~~ is an address of a terminal device included in said terminal information including an address of

~~each terminal device belonging to said group~~, to distribute said received distribution information to said ~~destination~~ terminal device which is judged included.

20.(original): An information distribution program product executed by a terminal device belonging to a group constituted by a plurality of terminal devices, comprising:

a registering process for registering, via a telecommunications network, terminal information including an address of each terminal device belonging to said [[a]] group constituted by a plurality of terminal devices, in an information distribution device connected to the telecommunications network; and

a transmitting process for transmitting, to said information distribution device, a distribution request including access information and distribution destination information, said access information being required for accessing distribution information for distribution to one or more ~~all, some or one~~ of said terminal devices belonging to said group, said distribution destination information specifying a distribution destination terminal device belonging to said group.